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ISRAEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
TANK CORPS MEMORIAL IN LATRUN

Staff Sergeant Anavim, Alon, of blessed memory

Son of Haviva and Shlomo

Born in Moshav Arbel, August 21, 1953

Killed in Action in the Lebanon War, June 24, 1982

Served in the Tank Corps, Intelligence Unit

Buried in Moshav Arbel

Biography

Alon was born in Moshav Arbel in the Galilee, the second son of Haviva and Shlomo who were among the founders of the settlement. He grew up in difficult circumstances which were the norm for most citizens in the early years of the state, but especially so for the settlements.

His elementary education was at the "Hakotzer" school in Kfar Hittim, and his high school years were spent at "Kadoori." He belonged to the "Noar Haoved" youth movement (labor) and liked to read and go on field trips.

When he was conscripted into the Israel Defense Force, he was accepted into the scouting unit of the tank corps and took part in the Yom Kippur War, 1973. He fought on both sides of the Suez Canal and came through with light wounds.

After his army service, he returned to his moshav and continued farming, working at first in the communal dairy. He soon married, set up a family and his own farm, raising flowers and fruit trees. He and his wife Nehama had 2 children.

At the time that he was called up to fight in the Lebanon War, he was in the midst of building his home, but he did not complete it. During the scouting mission in which Alon took part (just before his first leave) his tank drove over a mine and was blown up. Two of his comrades were killed

outright. Alon was severely wounded and died after several hours (June 24, 1982). His officer, Gad Eran, suffered severe burns and died two weeks later.

Alon was 29 years old. An officer wrote his family: "Alon was ^adedicated and ~~a~~ good soldier, loved by his comrades and officers. He carried out his assignments with devotion."

Soldiers in his unit, with financial help from the bereaved families and other sources, set up a memorial in the Eshtaol Forests, ^{Memorial} "The Site of the ~~Four~~," which is made up of a small garden and a ^{memorial} stone commemorating the 4 fallen soldiers.

A friend of Alon's family named his son Alon, after Alon Anavim.

He is mourned by his wife, 2 children, his parents and 4 brothers and sisters.

